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SUBJECT: INDOCHINESE REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT IN FRG

REFS: (A) STATE 16616; (B) STATE 11880

1. EMBASSY OFFICER MET WITH RASTER OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE
LEGAL DIVISION AND OFFICIALS FROM INTERIOR MINISTRY
JANUARY 26 AND PASSED TO THEM IN THE FORM OF AN AIDE
MEMOIRE THE ASSURANCES IN PARAGRAPHS 7 AND 8 OF STATE
16616 RE PROCESSING OF REFUGEES IN THAILAND. AIDE
MEMOIRE ALSO REFERRED TO ARRANGEMENTS FOR PROCESSING OF
REFUGEES IN THE US (SECURITY AND HEALTH CLEARANCES) AS
OUTLINED IN STATE 11880 AND CONTAINED REQUESTS THAT FRG
BROADEN ITS DEFINITION OF REFUGEES TO INCLUDE LAO AND
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CAMBODIAN REFUGEES AND THAT FRG CONSIDER ACCEPTING

ADDITIONAL REFUGEES FROM AMONG LAO AND CAMBODIAN
REFUGEE POPULATIONS IN THAILAND.

2. FRG OFFICIALS SAID THAT ARRANGEMENTS FOR PROCESSING
IN BOTH THE US AND BANGKOK ARE ACCEPTABLE. THEY
EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S COOPERATION.
THEY ASKED IF THE US COULD ALSO TRACE REFUGEES WHO HAVE
APPLIED FOR RESETTLEMENT IN THE FRG AND WHOSE CASES
FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER ARE NOT PENDING WITH FRG
CONSULATES IN US. EMBASSY OFFICER REPLIED THAT WE
COULD GIVE THE FRG ANY INFORMATION WE HAVE IN OUR FILES
ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS, BUT THAT THE FRG SHOULD ALSO
USE VOLAGS IF IT RECEIVES REQUESTS TO TRACE
INDIVIDUAL REFUGEES.

3. OFFICIALS FROM THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR RESERVED
THEIR POSITION ON THE EMBASSY'S REQUESTS THAT THE
DEFINITION OF REFUGEES BE BROADENED AND MORE ACCEPTED
FOR RESETTLEMENT. THEY SAID BOTH REQUESTS WOULD HAVE
TO BE REFERRED TO THE CONFERENCE OF LAENDER INTERIOR
MINISTERS. WHILE THEY HELD OUT HOPE THAT THE DEFINITION
OF THE 1,000 QUOTA COULD BE BROADENED, THEY DOUBTED
SERIOUSLY THAT THE LAENDER WOULD AGREE TO ACCEPT
ADDITIONAL REFUGEES. THEY CITED THE INFLUX OF REFUGEES
FROM POLAND WHICH IS EXPECTED OVER THE NEXT FOUR YEARS,
GENERAL ECONOMIC CONDITIONS, THE FRG'S POLICY OF
REDUCING THE FOREIGN WORKER AND POPULATION, THE
DIFFICULTY OF ASSIMILATING INDOCHINESE REFUGEES, AND
REQUESTS FOR THE FRG TO ABSORB REFUGEES FROM CHILE AND
ANGOLA AS REASONS WHY THE LAENDER WILL BE RELUCTANT TO
ACCEPT MORE REFUGEES FROM INDOCHINA. EMBASSY
OFFICER REPLIED ALONG THE LINES OF EARLIER DEMARCHES WE
HAVE MADE TO THE FRG, AND UTILIZED HELPFUL INFORMATION
IN STATE 16616. THE FRG OFFICIALS TOOK CAREFUL NOTES
ON THE REFUGEE SITUATION IN SEA. MEETING CONCLUDED WITH

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EMBASSY OFFICER RECEIVING ASSURANCES THAT THE FRG WILL
CONSIDER BOTH OUR REQUESTS AND CONSULT WITH LAENDER
AUTHORITIES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

4. LIST OF 264 IS A LIST OF ALL APPLICATIONS FOR
RESETTLEMENT WHICH THE FRG HAS RECEIVED FROM VIETNAMESE
LOCATED OUTSIDE THE FRG. PART OF THIS LIST IS BASED ON
LIST THAT EMBASSY COMPILED FROM CAMP PENDLETON,
CALIFORNIA MESSAGE 3892 DTG270051Z SEPT. '75; FORT
CHAFFEE MESSAGE 223 DTG252300Z OCT. '75; AND INDIANTOWN
GAP DTG312132Z OCT. '75 (BONN 18615) WHICH WE PASSED
TO THE FONOFF LAST NOVEMBER. THE FONOFF HAS
REPRODUCED THESE LISTS AND HAS TRANSMITTED THEM TO ALL
CONSULATES IN US. A COPY OF EMBASSY LIST POUCHED
TODAY TO EUR/CE (STEINER).
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5. RASTER MENTIONED IN PASSING THAT MOST OF THE 1,600
VIETNAMESE STUDENTS IN THE FRG HAVE VOICED SUPPORT
FOR THE HANOI GOVERNMENT. FRG OFFICIALS ARE BEGINNING
TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT A POSSIBLE SECURITY PROBLEM THESE
REFUGEES MAY PRESENT.
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